



Environment and politics

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Abstract:

As the natural resources of the earth are depleting, the global environment has also been weakening. Resour nationalism, environmental preservationism and the weaponization of the environment are about to bring forward international dispute. Over the last 50 years, the Cold War between East and West has come and gone. This event had, for the most part, stressed the competition of military expense. Now, human well-being and prosperity is being threatened by another form of Cold War; international conflicts concerning environmental issues. While rapid scientific development has, in general, benefitted mankind, the uncontrolled consumption of resources has had a negative effect on the global eco-system. The depletion of the ozone layer directly threatens human health and also causes uncharacteristic weather due to global warming. Floods, drought and forest fires are now commonly seen throughout the world. In addition, the rising sea level threatens the existence of many nations. Humans consistently reach the same conclusion no matter what environmentally related aspects they look into: AU living beings on the Earth will face more serious threats in the coming decades unless there is a fundamental change in the way that humans relate with nature. We are just now coming to the realization that our environmentally destructive actions can bring forth catastrophe to the Earth.

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Resource Description

Exposure :

weather or climate related pathway by which climate change affects health

Ecosystem Changes, Extreme Weather Event, Human Conflict/Displacement, Sea Level Rise, Solar Radiation

Extreme Weather Event: Drought, Flooding, Wildfires

Geographic Feature:

resource focuses on specific type of geography

None or Unspecified

Climate Change and Human Health Literature Portal

Geographic Location:

resource focuses on specific location

Non-United States

Non-United States: Asia

Asian Region/Country: Other Asian Country

Other Asian Country: Northeast Asia

Health Impact:

specification of health effect or disease related to climate change exposure

General Health Impact

Resource Type:

format or standard characteristic of resource

Policy/Opinion

Timescale:

time period studied

Time Scale Unspecified